

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 361

By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Mary Carnes, 2009  
Valedictorian of Westminster Academy.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Mary Carnes is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2009 graduating class at Westminster Academy; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mary has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, she has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average and has demonstrated outstanding leadership through her involvement in a variety of extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, a leader among her peers, Mary Carnes is a member of the Cooking Club, the Film Club, her church and high school choirs, and the Knowledge Bowl Team; she has also served as a Student Ambassador and a Wordsmith competitor; and

WHEREAS, active in her community as well as in her school, Mary has given of her time and many talents as a Childcare Volunteer at South Woods Baptist Church and at Moriah House Women's Shelter, as a Student Runner for the Germantown Piano Festival, and as a tutor for students at the Neighborhood School; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades and awards for her many academic and civic achievements, Mary has been the honored recipient of a host of prestigious awards, including a number of Highest GPA Awards, a National Latin Exam Recognition, Germantown Piano Festival Superior Awards, multiple Piano Guild Superior Awards, a Theology Department

Award, and National Greek Exam red ribbons; she was also named as a National Merit Finalist and was the fifteenth chair soprano in the Southwest Senior High Honor Choir; and

WHEREAS, Mary's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, James and Nancy Carnes, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Carnes's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2009 Westminster Academy Valedictorian, Mary Carnes, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.